

TORII STATION ACES NEWSLETTER

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Hot News

UMUC & CTC Summer Session 2009 ON-GOING!
Next Session begins in August, School Year 2009/2010

NOTES by Torii Education Center Staff:

Education services will be limited due to the vacant Education Services Officer (ESO) position. Mr. Dennis Sherrod retired in May after 39 years of successful service in the education field. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause you. We will put all our effort towards minimizing the impact on our customers and will do our best to meet your needs!

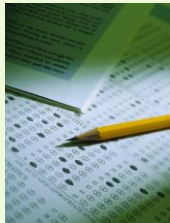
TORII TESTING OFFICE: 644-4954/4684

Testing Program: Currently we do not have a test examiner to conduct testing. Consequently, tests are limited to the Army Personnel Testing.

The following military examinations are provided through the Torii Testing Branch:

- ♦ **AFCT** (Armed Forces Classification Test)
- ♦ **AFAST** (Alternate Flight Aptitude Selection Test)

For proctor exams for various colleges Soldiers are required to call in advance to schedule a test date.



Use Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) to:

- ♦ Find civilian credentials related to your military occupational specialty
- ♦ Understand what it takes to obtain the credentials
- ♦ See if there are available programs that will help pay credentialing fees

Use AVOTEC to pay for your certification, licensing and related training!

- ♦ Funds for exam fees and training are now available through the Army's new Army Vocational/Technical Training (AVOTEC) Program.
- ♦ Starting on 1 Feb 09 all Soldiers, Officers and wounded Warriors serving on active duty – including National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on extended

active duty—are eligible to enroll in AVOTEC to pay for technical/vocational training and to pay for certification and licensing exam fees. The training, certification, or licensure does not have to be MOS related.

For more information on the VOTEC program, visit
https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/VOTEC_Program.html

GIBILL INFORMATION

The Department of Veterans Affairs is now accepting and processing applications for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. You should complete and submit the application form available online. You will receive a letter explaining the VA's decision regarding your eligibility for the program.

The application form requires that individuals currently eligible for benefits under the Montgomery GI BILL-Active Duty (MGIB-AD), Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) or the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) make an irrevocable election from their existing program to the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Payments for Post-9/11 GI Bill will not be processed until August 1, 2009.

Please create your account under the Frequently Asked Questions you will be notified by email when information is updated. For more details, please check www.gibill.gov



Tuition Assistance: www.goarmyed.com

Course Selection Policy

In order to remain in good standing, Soldiers must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Maintain an Army TA Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0
- Select courses required for the completion of the approved educational plan
- Actively work with the appropriate university to bring closure to any unresolved incomplete grades
- Resolve all incompletes within 120 days of the class end date in accordance with AR 621-5
- Resolve all holds that are placed on their account (holds are placed for receiving failing grades, incompletes, or withdrawals for non-military reasons)
- Ensure that classes selected will transfer to their degree program

Change of Degree Plan (Major)/Home College Policy

Students must contact an Army Education Counselor to submit a change to degree plan (major) or home college

Specific requirements for each major and/or college can be found under the **Earn a Degree or Credential** link, under **Colleges and Programs** link, on the GoArmyEd Web site. The student is expected to understand these requirements and to follow up with the appropriate campus liaison in submission of all additional required applications, transcripts, past education experience, etc.

Students are to assume acceptance of a change request unless otherwise notified by the College. The student should contact the campus liaisons for details regarding admissions decisions made by the universities.

Students whose requests for a change of major or home college are rejected need to choose another educational goal with their Army Education Counselor. eArmyU Soldiers who wish to change their home college to a non-eArmyU college must first successfully meet their 12 semester hour program milestone. Refer to the PA chart for specific information.

After an Army Education Counselor approves a change to a major or home college, Soldiers are required to obtain a new Student Agreement prior to the end of their first course if they joined eArmyU prior to 12 March 2004 and prior to the end of their second course if they joined eArmyU after 12 March 2004. A hold is placed on the Soldier's account if a new Student Agreement is not verified by the deadline.

When Soldiers complete all requirements for their degree plan, they are required to contact their Army Education Counselor before taking additional courses through GoArmyEd. An Army Education Counselor must approve a new degree plan in a higher degree and the Soldier will become subject to the terms

and conditions of a new PA type (PA type 10 for eArmyU Soldiers) regardless of when oldie joined eArmyU/GoArmyEd.

Minimum 2.0 Army TA GPA Policy

Soldiers who have completed 15 or more semester hours of tuition-assistance (TA) funded courses must maintain a 2.0 Army TA GPA in order to meet the eligibility requirement for additional TA. Once a Soldier falls below a 2.0 Army TA GPA, he/she is not eligible for additional TA. TA can be used again once the Soldier has achieved an Army TA GPA of 2.0 with a combination of TA-funded enrollments and subsequent enrollments using other funds.

Authorized Course Policy

Army TA is only authorized for courses required for the completion of a Soldier's approved educational plan (degree or certificate). Soldiers who enroll in courses that are not part of their certificate/degree plan will be required to repay tuition for the unauthorized course(s). Soldiers may not use TA for repeated courses, unless the Soldier has previously reimbursed the Army for the course and course override is required by Education Counselor for repeated courses (see Education Counselor.)

Course Withdrawal for Military Reasons

Soldiers must reimburse TA if a course withdrawal or course failure is for personal or non-military-related reasons. Soldiers who are enrolled in courses or who failed a course, however, may request a withdrawal for military reasons (WM) for waiver of TA reimbursement for mission-related duties, or deployment for reasons the Commander deems are beyond the Soldier's control (emergency leave, death of a family member, illness/hospitalization, etc.) (See Section 3b of the Soldier's Statement of Understanding).

Need GoArmyEd support, contact Torii Education Center at 644-4954/4684/4463.

JAPANESE HEADSTART PROGRAM

- ◆ Reference: USARJ / I Corps (FWD) Commanding General's Policy #08-12 and USAG-J Command Policy #117
- ◆ Purpose: This program is designed to provide an orientation to Soldiers on the language and culture of Japan. It is mandatory for all Soldiers and Department of Army Civilians who have never been stationed in Japan.
- ◆ Adult family members (18 yrs & older) are also invited to attend the program.

JP Headstart Enrollment, please call 644-4463/4684



Hours: 0800-1600 (M-F)

13-17 Jul & 27-31 Jul 09

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14-18 Sep & 28 Sep-2 Oct 09

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LET'S PRACTICE JAPANESE!

Basic Greetings

Good morning ▶ Ohayo-gozaïmasu
Good afternoon ▶ Kon-nichi-wa

Other Expressions for Basic Communication

Yes ▶ hai
No ▶ i-ie
Thank you ▶ Arigatou gozaïmasu
You're welcome ▶ Dou itashi-mashite
Please ▶ Onegai-shimasu
Excuse me ▶ Sumimasen

MLF - MULTI LEARNING FACILITY

Offers a mixture of independent, self study materials to improve reading, math, English, foreign language, online training, and other subject areas. Resource materials for college programs, and free fact sheets with sample questions for the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST), and Excelsior Test questions are also available. Computers with internet accessibility are available for personal use, group training, and various other academic and personal growth endeavors which includes but are not limited to Soldier training courses, mission required training, GoArmyEd Tuition Assistance, registration for on line courses, and Rosetta Stone to name a few. For more information and reservations, call ☎ 644-4282.

➤ **VTC is also available at Torii Education Center class room**

Video Teleconference (VTC) is a set of interactive telecommunication technologies which allow two or more locations to interact via two-way video and audio transmissions simultaneously. Besides the audio and visual transmission of meeting activities, VTC can be used for training to share documents, computer-displayed information and more. To schedule a VTC, please call ☎ 644-4282

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☎ JP Headstart Instructor 644-4038
☎ FAX 644-4388
☎ UMUCA Field Representative 644-4957
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☎ CTC Field Representative 644-4049
(Office Hours: 1030-1530/M-F)